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In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

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Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 29, 2007**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2007, in respect of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant has corrected the response to conform with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 by removing the claim text from canceled claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18, and changed the status identifiers to claims 17 and 19 to reflect the amendments to these claims. In Claims 17 and 19 at line 3, the word --said -- is inserted before the words "substantially rigid bristles." Further, Claim 19, line 7 is amended; the words "constant number of bristles" are deleted and the words -- at least ten bristles -- are inserted in their place.

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